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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL B ECON COUNS EVANS DISCUSSED SCHEDULE FOR MOORE VISIT WITH ASSISTANT FINANCE SECRETARY STOJILJKOVIC ON MAY 9. STOJILJKOVIC HAS NOW GOTTEN BACK TO US, SAYING THAT THE SUGGESTIONS IN REFTEL A ARE ALL COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE. HE REITERATED THAT MOORE IS MOST WELCOME AND THAT THE FINANCE MINISTRY WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL VISIT.

2. WE AND FINANCE SECRETARIAT BELIEVE THAT IF MOORE WERE TO STAY IN DUBROVNIK FOR FINAL SESSION OF USYEC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 THERE WOULD BE VIRTUALLY NO POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING MEANINGFUL VISIT AS GUEST OF FINANCE SECRETARY IN SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE JUNE 10 DEPARTURE. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THEREFORE, AND FINANCE SECRETARIAT WOULD PREFER, THAT MOORE BEGIN HIS OFFICIAL VISIT ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6. AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTEL A, WE HAVE INFORMED PILIPOVIC OF FEDERAL CHAMBER OF ECONOMY OF THIS AND EXPLAINED WHY IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR MOORE TO REMAIN
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AT USYEC MEETING THROUGH JUNE 7.

3. ACCORDINGLY, TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AT THIS POINT IS AS FOLLOWS: MOORE AND EXIM PARTY WOULD ARRIVE IN BELGRADE ON JUNE 6 AT 8:55 AM VIA JU 417 FROM DUBROVNIK, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AND ECON COUNS. HE WOULD HAVE FULL PROGRAM IN BELGRADE JUNE 6-7, AND PROBABLY FLY TO

LJUBLJANA EVENING OF JUNE 7. MOORE WOULD SPEND JUNE 8 IN LJUBLJANA AND TRAVEL BY CAR THAT NIGHT OR MORNING OF JUNE 9 TO ZAGREB. HE WOULD HAVE PROGRAM IN ZAGREB JUNE 9 AND LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA SATURDAY, JUNE 10 ON JU-320 FROM ZAGREB.

4. THE BELGRADE PORTION OF THE VISIT ACCORDING TO STOJILJKOVIC, WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH FINANCE SECRETARY KOSTIC, NATIONAL BANK GOVERNOR BOGOEV, POSSIBLY THE NEW FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARY ROTAR, SERBIAN MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENCY PETAR STAMBOLIC OR SOMEONE OF SIMILAR STATURE IN THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT, AND "SOMEONE" IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT THE "HIGHEST LEVEL" (STOJILJKOVIC COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC). KOSTIC WILL HOST AN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON THE FIRST DAY JUNE 6, AND AS THINGS NOW STAND, THE AMBASSADOR WILL HOST A DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE THAT EVENING AND BOGOEV WILL GIVE A LUNCHEON JUNE 7.

5. STOJILJKOVIC AGREED COMPLETELY THAT VISIT SHOULD LOOK AHEAD TO FUTURE PROJECTS AND NOT CONCENTRATE ON CURRENT PROBLEMS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT EXIM WOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA THAN THE FINANCE MINISTRY OF WHICH COMPANIES WOULD POTENTIALLY BE UTILIZING EXIM FUNDS, SINCE THE MINISTRY GETS INVOLVED RATHER LATE IN THE GAME. CONSEQUENTLY, HE REQUESTED EXIM AND EMBASSY GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC ENTERPRISE VISITS WHICH WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. EVANS MENTIONED INA, BOR, JESENICE, JUGEL
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GRID, AND TUZLA POWER AS EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF APPOINTMENTS WHICH MOORE PREFERRED, AND PROMISED STOJILJKOVIC THAT WE WOULD FURNISH HIM A FIRM LIST OF ENTERPRISES WHICH MOORE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AFTER CONSULTING WITH EXIM. CONSEQUENTLY, GIVEN THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EXIM GUIDANCE ON SUGGESTED ENTERPRISE VISITS. WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE BELGRADE SCHEDULE LEAVES LITTLE ROOM FOR VISITS OUTSIDE THE CITY AND THUS BOR APPOINTMENT MAY BE DIFFICULT. STOJILJKOVIC NOTED, AS DID REFTEL A, THAT MOORE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN DUBROVNIK WITH SELECTED ENTERPRISES.

6. WE WOULD ALSO REQUEST CLARIFICATION ON MRS. MOORE'S WISHES. WE ASSUME THAT PARA 4, REFTEL A, MEANS THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY CHAIRMAN ON SITE VISITS BUT WOULD NOT ATTEND BUSINESS MEETINGS. STOJILJKOVIC SAID THEY WILL PREPARE SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR MRS. MOORE ON THIS ASSUMPTION, BUT REQUESTED CLARIFICATION.

7. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS THAT ECON COUNS EVANS ACCOMPANY EXIM PARTY ON VISIT OUTSIDE BELGRADE, IF THAT IS AGREEABLE

TO CHAIRMAN MOORE.
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